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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO DISCUSSIONS LAST WEEK BETWEEN DANISH FONMIN
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AND SAUDI OFFICIALS REGARDING DECLINE IN SAUDI OIL SHIPMENTS TO

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DENMARKN GOVT HAS SENT LETTER TO SAG PROVIDING OFFICIAL DATA
ON ARABIAN CRUDE IMPORTS DURING FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1973 OF
ABOUT 3 MILLION TONS. DANES REQUESTED THAT SAUDIS ASSURE SHIPMENT
OF 1 MILLION TONS QUARTERLY IN FUTURE. OFFICIALS ADMIT THAT
FONMIN WAS EITHER MISQUOTED OR IN ERROR IN ALLEGATION THAT INTER-
NATIONAL MAJORS AND/OR UK WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECLINE IN SHIPMENTS.
REASON WAS TECHNI-
CAL SINCE ALL ARABIAN CRUDE TO DENMARK IS TRANSSHIPPED AND HAD NOT
BEEN REGISTERED ON SAUDI BOOK AS DESTINED FOR DENMARK. HENCE,
THEY GAVE DENMARK NO QUOTA.

2. DANSK ESSO PRESIDENT LATIMER TOLD US HE HAD INFORMED COMMERCE
MINISTRY IN MID-DECEMBER THAT HIS COMPANY HAD BEEN ADVISED BY SAUDIS
THAT, TO ASSURE QUOTA, DENMARK SHOULD OFFICIALLY INFORM SAUDI GOVT
OF SHIPMENTS IT HAD RECEIVED DURING FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1973.
COMMERCE MINISTRY SENT LETTER TO FONOFF FOR ACTION BUT, FOR
INEXPLICABLE REASON, NONE WAS TAKEN UNTIL FONMIN'S VISIT TO SAUDI

ARABIA LAST WEEK (REFTEL). THIS TIME, DANES RESPONDED PROMPTLY TO
SAUDI REQUEST AFTER THEIR
RETURN FROM TRIP. THEY ASKED THAT SAUDIS PERMIT QUARTERLY EXPORT
OF 1MILLION TONS TO DENMARK IN FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: FAILURE OF DANISH GOVT TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION IN
DECEMBER FORCED OIL COMPANIES DEPENDENT ON ARABIAN CRUDE TO TAKE
LESS SATISFACTORY IRANIAN AND NIGERIAN CRUDE AT HIGHER PRICES.
RESULT WAS DETRIMENTAL BOTH TO REFINERS AND GOVT INTERESTS.
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